the foreign tourist arrivals and foreign exchange earnings respectively during the period January to September 2002 as compared to the same period of previous year. However there has been a growth of 16.8 per cent in estimated foreign tourist arrivals and 24.4 per cent in foreign exchange earnings in October 2002 as compared to October 2001.

(c) Department of Tourism, Government of India has proposed to introduce following new schemes for the year 2002-03 for development and promotion of tourism:

(i) Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits.
(ii) Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development.
(iii) Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects.
(iv) Capacity Building for Service Providers.

Maintenance of enlisted monuments

738. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindu, Delhi dated the 8th October, 2002 captioned "Under ASI regime monuments go missing";

(b) if so, the number of monuments which are enlisted in ASI records but missing across the country at present; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for tracing out the enlisted monuments and for their proper maintenance?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and would be placed at the table of the House.

Development of tourism sector in U.P.

739. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any proposal to Government for promotion and development of tourism sector in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the decision/action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Tourism provides financial assistance for important tourism projects identified in consultation with State Governments/UT Administrations. The following projects in Uttar Pradesh have been identified during the current financial year and the State Government has been requested to sent detailed project proposals:—

(i) Development of Lucknow as a tourist destination.

(ii) Rural tourism project at Chiraigaon in Varanasi District.

Tourist package for Andhra Pradesh

740. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state the action proposed to assist Andhra Pradesh Government for developing new tour packages from Vijayawada to Vishakapatnam and Araku valley to attract more tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): There is no scheme in the Department of Tourism to develop tour packages. However packages are promoted/sold by the tour operators/travel agents depending upon its demand by the domestic and international tourists. The question of assisting Andhra Pradesh for development/promotion of new packages from Vijayawada to Vishakapatnam and Araku Valley to attract tourists does not arise.

Funds allocated for promotion of tourism

741. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of funds granted to various States and Union Territories for the promotion of tourism in the country during the last three years;